

VA Housing Assistance to Gulf Coast Hurricane Victims

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have amended the 1983 Memorandum of Understanding to allow VA to provide transitional housing to victims of the 2005 gulf hurricanes. The agreement permits VA to directly lease acquired properties to FEMA certified disaster victims. Available properties are located in the following 11 states Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

Disaster victims must apply to FEMA for rental assistance. FEMA will certify the applicant as eligible for rental assistance and advise the applicant of transitional housing available through Federal government agencies---including VA.

If you are a FEMA certified disaster victim, you may contact VA at 1-866-396-5362. You **must** have your FEMA certification available. VA will provide you with a list of properties, if any are available, in the area where you wish to live. Or, you may check on-line at www.ocwen.com. Look under VA Affairs Contract and select FEMA Rental Properties to determine if VA has properties available in the desired area. Make a list of the properties you would like to view and contact VA at 1-866-396-5362.

VA's property management contractor, Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, (Ocwen), will make arrangements for you to view the properties. Rental for all properties will be \$350 monthly plus utilities.

If you have **not** been certified by FEMA, please contact FEMA at 1-800-621-3362 for certification.